

## REMARKS

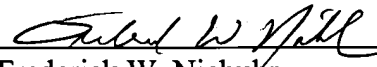
The foregoing election is made without traverse as to the Group, and with traverse as to the species. The preliminary amendment removes claims 56-57 and 66-76 from the application, subject to the right to present any of these claims for consideration on the basis that it includes the limitations of an allowed generic claim, and subject to the right to present the claims in a divisional application.

In view of the foregoing election and amendment, the applicant respectfully requests consideration of claims 36-55 and 58-65 on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

Boston Scientific Scimed, Inc.

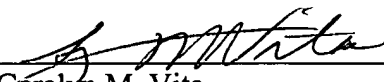
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